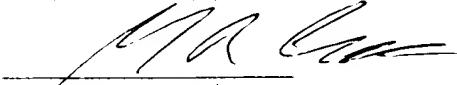


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FOR: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A
Welding Power Source

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment for the application identified above, in response to the Office Action of October 1, 2002.

FEES CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

Claims after amendment	Previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
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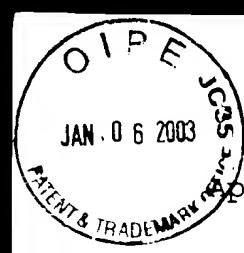
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of October 1, 2002. It is believed that no extension of time is needed, but should one be needed, please consider this a petition therefor, and charge deposit account number 500599 the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Drawing:

Please add the attached Figure 6.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 35.

Please amend claims 34, 36, 42 and 45 as follows:

1 34. (Amended) A method of providing a welding,
2 cutting or heating current, comprising: